GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1031
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PROPOSAL FOR AFFORESTATION OF DEGRADED NON-FOREST LAND
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Kerala has submitted a proposal for afforestation of degraded non-forest land involving Panchayati Raj Institutions (Grama Vana Yojana);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the response of the Union Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS(SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a)to(c) A Scheme for afforestation on non-forest lands by involving the Panchayati Raj Institutions has been mooted by the Ministry of Environment and Forests. The Scheme has not been approved yet, though the draft guidelines of the proposed Scheme have been circulated to States/Union Territories and concerned Ministries of Government of India for their comments. The Kerala Forest Department has been requested to resubmit the proposal after the scheme is approved and as per the approved Guidelines of the Scheme.